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Identical letters dated 11 April 2013 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I wish to draw your attention to the following information:

In yet another violation of their commitments under the 1974 Agreement on Disengagement, on 2 April 2013 at 9.15 p.m., the Israeli occupation forces targeted a Syrian military position in the village of Bi'r Ajam, Qunaytirah governorate. They launched two mortar shells from the occupied position of Tall Abu al-Dhahab, which were followed by several 23-millimetre-calibre machine gun salvos, killing three soldiers and wounding another.

The Government of the Syrian Arab Republic demands an end to those provocative Israeli acts of aggression, which followed a similar Israeli attack on 18 November 2012. Israel must be prevailed upon to comply with the 1974 Agreement in order to counteract the growing risk of tension, escalation and confrontation in the area.

The Syrian Arab Republic recalls that those practices, which coincide with Israel's provision of direct support to the armed terrorist groups deployed in the area of disengagement, raises further legitimate questions regarding the extent of Israel's commitment to the Agreement and the preservation of peace and security in the area and the Middle East as a whole.

I should be grateful if this letter could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 54, and of the Security Council.

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